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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on January 18, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 100, 1/11/2017
SB 82, 1/11/2017

HEARING ON SB 100

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:21 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 100, Authorize direct primary care provider plans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:30 Janell Williams, Employee Benefit Management Services
00:09:57 David Herbst, state director, Americans for Prosperity
00:14:35 Kendall Cotton, policy administrator, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor
00:15:33 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
00:16:39 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana (NAMI MT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:55 Sen. Sands
00:24:45 Sen. C. Smith
00:26:53 Sen. Sands
00:28:00 Mr. Dorrington, MMA
00:28:04 Chair Howard
00:28:07 Sen. Caferro
00:28:35 Mr. Kuntz, NAMI MT

00:29:03 Sen. Moore entered the hearing.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:36 Sen. C. Smith

HEARING ON SB 82

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:33 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 82, Generally revise laws on Medicaid overpayment audits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:06 Greg Gould, Montana Dental Association
00:48:25 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana
00:50:43 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Regional Medical Center
00:52:29 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

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00:59:09 Sen. C. Smith left the hearing.

01:03:19 Jim Fitzgerald, chief executive officer, Intermountain
01:09:26 Debra Parker, Western Montana Mental Health Center
01:16:17 Eve Franklin, Montana Optometric Association
01:18:28 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association
01:19:54 Sarah Corbally, Youth Homes of Montana
01:22:23 Jani McCall, Intermountain and Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch

01:22:47 Sen. Moore left the hearing.

01:24:33 David Hemion, executive director, Montana Dental Association
01:26:06 Margaret Morgan, Montana Dental Hygienists' Association
01:27:12 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:27:42 Marie Matthews, Operations Services branch manager, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:07 Chair Howard
01:32:40 Ms. Matthews, DPHHS
01:32:54 Sen. Sands
01:33:19 Sen. Olszewski
01:34:47 Sen. Gross
01:35:24 Sen. Olszewski
01:35:41 Ms. Matthews

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:16 Sen. Olszewski

01:37:43 Recess
01:46:30 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 31

01:46:51 Chair Howard

01:46:57 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **SB 31 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

01:47:07 Sen. Olszewski

01:48:09 Chair Howard

01:48:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. C. Smith were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 83

01:48:49 Chair Howard

01:48:52 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **SB 83 DO PASS.**

01:49:04 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **SB 83 BE AMENDED.**

[**EXHIBIT\(phs13a02\)**](#)

Discussion:

01:49:49 Sen. Olszewski

01:50:22 Chair Howard

01:50:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. C. Smith were excused.

01:50:42 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **SB 83 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:50:53 Sen. Gross

01:51:55 Sen. Olszewski

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01:53:19 Chair Howard

01:53:34 Sen. Olszewski

01:54:04 Sen. Sands

01:56:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. C. Smith were excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:56 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs13aad.pdf](#))